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Convoy for Freedom Update 48

Next Report: February 14, 2022 10:00 AM

MTO Status Updates

MTO MAG: Activated

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Region	Events:	Notes - Operational Updates and Impacts
WEST RAG: Activated	Convoy/protest continues in Windsor today. All lanes are currently blocked on Huron Church Road WB (Highway 401 turns into Huron Church Road) and remains closed due to the protest. CBSA update indicates the border is temporarily closed. Alternatively, passenger vehicles can access the tunnel. Ambassador Bridge outbound traffic to US open to all non-commercial traffic. Limited access to the Ambassador Bridge via Wyandotte St. West as of 07:30 hour on Saturday, February 12, 2022. Signs updated to encourage U.S. bound traffic to cross at Sarnia,	MTO will assist as usual practice if requested. OPP is aware MTO Transportation Enforcement Officers will be available upon request. February 11 a request was received from TOC/OPP for 2 crash trucks, TC-54s and barrels to stage for 0700h, February 12 at Highway 402 at Mandaumin Road commuter lot. OPP required barrels to close 2 local roads near the courthouse and 1 local road at a commuter lot. AMC Emcon was contacted, and the request was fulfilled. AMC Emcon is currently checking the position of all portable signs placed along Highway 402 directing traffic along the EDR in place. February 12_Hwy 402 - PVMS

Bluewater Bridge from Windsor to Hwy 402 in London.	was moved easterly, improving site line at intersection.
No inbound traffic from US at the Ambassador Bridge crossing	February 12, 17:30hours
Sarnia:	OPP has requested MTO WR assistance to block roads in Windsor area with available large pieces of equipment.
Strathroy - Hwy 402 Westbound at Nauvoo Rd / formerly Highway 79 to Kerwood Road (convoy looping around.) Truck Convoy with approximately 25 vehicles including 10 tractors. Detour route in place at Highway 22.	MTO Highway Operations advised Inspector Shawn Johnson (OPP) that MTO will provide the support they have requested in Windsor. AMC Emcon was already informed as of 18:09hours
Hwy 402 Westbound on-ramp at Front Street. All westbound lanes remain closed.	
There appears to be a fairly long back-up at the Peace Bridge in Sarnia, but CBSA is reporting no delays in processing customs – but the back-up is quite large.	OPP has requested MTO/AMC Emcon more support for February 13th from 0700 to 1700hours with a possibility to extend for the next 7 days. MTO/AMC Emcon staff were advised to be on site.
Oxford County:	
Saturday, February 12, 2022 unconfirmed planned protest that may affect on and off ramps on Highway 401 at Highway 59 and Highway 19. Expected to start from 400 Simcoe St, Tillsonburg at 1:00PM to 53 Stover Street South, Norwich with approximately 500 vehicles.	MTO supporting OPP request on February 12 th at 22:51hours. Jersey barrier trucks left London at 5:45 am. All 4 trucks (60 barrier units) are travelling together and expect to reach Windsor by 8:15 am. OPP to meet them at the outskirts of Windsor.

CENTRAL RAG: Activated	QEW Fort Erie Bound remains closed at Gilmore Gathering at Niagara-on-the-Lake Husky Estimated 100+ plus vehicle. The convoy bypassed the QEW/Glendale interchange and currently traveling Toronto-bound on York Road interchange. Convoy stayed on municipal roads, currently travelling through City of St Catharines.	Representatives from TSD, COMPASS, and Central Operations Manager of Highway Operations and Head of Maintenance will continue to sit with the OPP Command Team at the EOC to monitor any developments and offer assistance as needed. OPP is aware MTO Transportation Enforcement Officers and Maintenance staff will be available upon request. Approximately 39 Enforcement Officers are available across the GTA to support the OPP Maintenance supporting closure at Gilmore.
EAST RAG: Activated	Convoys continue in the City of Ottawa. Potential activity at the Hwy 137 border crossing Saturday morning. Traffic control crew remains on standby as requested by OPP.	MTO will assist as usual practice if requested by OPP. Contacted by OPP and a traffic control crew is on standby should OPP request assistance.

	Ramp closure on 417WB at Metcalf has been cleared. Protest vehicles were cleared at Cornwall border crossing by 18:00 Feb 12.	
NORTHEAST RAG: Activated	Reports of small convoys in North Bay and Sudbury, no requests for support from OPP. Unconfirmed information that potential of a Sault Ste. Marie international border bridge blockade planned for this weekend. The crossing in Sault is not MTO property, and the roads leading to it are connecting links, so municipal jurisdiction, not MTO. Small local convoy planned in New Liskeard for Saturday, February 19 beginning at 11 AM. Route is 343 Whitewood Avenue to Armstrong Street, to Highway 65, to Highway 11. Route includes approximately 1.5 km of highway. Remainder of route is on municipal roads.	MTO will assist as usual practice if requested by OPP.
NORTHWEST RAG: Activated	Social Media Post - Fort Frances Border Crossing - On Sunday, Feb 13 from 10 –2 planning to line up from the customs office on Church Street alongside the Mill, and back as far as possible towards Tim Hortons. As of 3 pm protest continues in Fort Frances and it has been peaceful.	MTO will assist as usual practice if requested by OPP.

	Per OPP Twitter and 511 – expect delays at the Fort Frances International Falls Border Crossing this weekend due to planned demonstrations. Manitoba RCMP Confirmed Emmerson border crossing in Manitoba has been completely blocked, this could cause a block along Highway 17 at the Ontario/Manitoba border. Social Media Confirmed: Planned convoy to the Nipigon River Bridge on Saturday, February 26, 2022, Thunder Bay to Nipigon leaving at 9am.	
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OPS Building & Operations Issues

- The Toronto Police Service has closed Queen's Park Circle from College Street to Bloor Street. This action is in response to unverified information regarding a possible vehicle demonstration in the downtown core. In response to this potential demonstration, Toronto Police Service has increased its presence in the area of the Precinct.
- 151 Bloor St., Toronto
 - Advised that another truck blockade may be coming to Bloor Street.
 - Access to the building by vehicle may be difficult.
 - Additional security to attend to the building.

Services Disruptions

- Metrolinx
 - No report as of Sunday

- Active construction projects are being monitored for any impacts due to the protests.
- EMS/Hospitals to plan accordingly for this weekend, as inter-facility transfers will take additional time to complete. Non-critical transfers may be delayed until the demonstration is clear of all hospital areas.
- Ford and Toyota on Wednesday both said they were halting some production as anti-coronavirus mandate protesters blocked U.S-Canada border crossings that have prompted warnings from Washington and Ottawa of economic damage.

Municipal Issues

- West - Windsor
 - Further police enforcement continues to clear the Ambassador Bridge.
 - MTO has dispatched the following resources to support the OPP
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 - 3-4 Truck Loads of Jersey Barriers: (60 barrier units)
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 - MTO on behalf of OPP will install 6.4 km of barrier wall approaching the Ambassador bridge. This will require an additional 1024 barrier units (69 truck loads) to be transported and installed overnight and Monday.
- West – Strathroy
 - Truck Convoy with approximately 25 vehicles including 10 tractors.
Highway 402 westbound remains closed from Nauvoo road to Forest road as of 11.30 hours February 13th, 2022
- Central – Niagara
 - All Lanes remain closed at Gilmore Rd. as per request from OPP
 - Protest convoy of mostly cars. Roughly 100+ vehicles
 - Convoy is approximately 4 city blocks long travelling through city of St. Catharines
 - Hwy 405 on-ramp at Stanley Rd. reopened

- Central – Toronto
 - No indication of any protests for Toronto today
- East – Ottawa
 - Crowd has become more hostile to police and police have been withdrawn in some places for safety
 - 2 Convoys expected to arrive in Ottawa today
 - Canadian Tire reports sales of bear spray have increased
 - Rail service (LRT) has been resumed
 - Police Integrated Command Centre has been established
 - OPP Advising they closed HWY 417 WB Metcalfe off-ramp and have also closed city street Metcalfe below HWY 417.
- East - Cornwall
 - No disruptions on Saturday, all protestors have cleared the area.
 - No report as of Sunday
- East – Other
 - Reports of large amount of pickups heading south on Hwy. 416 with flags.
- North West
 - Protests vehicles starting to gather in Fort Francis
 - Rainy River Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is advising the public of potential traffic delays this weekend. Protest activities may result in greater than usual wait times at the Fort Frances - International Falls border crossing.
- North East
 - No report as of Sunday

International Border Issues

- Canada Border Services
 - Due to current border disruptions at certain locations on the Canada-US border, the CBSA will facilitate the movement of commercial goods at other commercial ports of entry without the need to update the “Port of Report” or “Port of Destination” or sub-location codes on already accepted electronic Conveyance, Cargo, or Release documents. Examples:

- **Highway Carriers** – If a Highway Conveyance and Cargo document(s) are already accepted for Windsor, Ontario (Port code 0453) and the crossing will now occur at Sarnia- Blue Water Bridge, Ontario (Port code 0440), there is not a need to update Port location in this instance and leave as Port Code 0453 as originally declared.
- **Brokers** – If a release document is accepted for related cargo to be released at Windsor, Ontario (Port code 0453) and the crossing will now occur at Sarnia – Blue Water Bridge, Ontario (Port code 0440), there is not a need to update Port location in this instance and leave as Port Code 0453.
- Windsor
 - No US or Canada bound traffic movement at Ambassador Bridge.
 - Passenger vehicles can still access the tunnel at Windsor/Detroit.